# MINUTES OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2011 AT BLYTHE BRIDGE AND FORSBROOK VILLAGE HALL.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillor Mrs. G. Burton,

Councillor Miss S. Farr, Councillor P. Jones,

Councillor Mrs. P. Shufflebotham, Councillor Mrs. N. A. Stanier. Councillor Rev. B. L. Whittaker.

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor A. J. Mould,

Mrs. C. J. Snape (Clerk).

# 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

There were no apologies.

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest.

# 3. BURIAL AND MEMORIAL FEES FOR YEAR 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2011 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2012.

Burial and Memorial fees were last increased by 5% on 1st April 2007. The current fees are:

Interment Fees.	Resident	Non Resident
New grave for two persons:	£160	£475
Re-opening for second burial:	£120	£210
Plot for cremated remains:	£120	£370
Re-opening for second cremated remains:	£100	£160
New grave for one child up to two years or for one		
stillborn child:	£80	£135

The fees include the exclusive rights of burial for eighty years.

#### Non-resident criteria:

People who were not a resident in the Parish of Forsbrook at the time of their death cannot be buried in Forsbrook Cemetery unless the person has a husband, wife, child or parents buried in Forsbrook Cemetery or who lived in the Parish for ten years or more during their lifetime.

### Memorial Fees.

Memorial:	£55
Added inscription:	£30
Vase	No charge.

Councillor Rev. B. L. Whittaker suggested that there should be a fee for placing a memorial vase on burial plots and felt that burial fees for residents should be increased as they were low compared to Church fees.

# **RECOMMENDED:**

> To impose no increase in resident's burial and memorial fees for year lst April 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 but to adjust burial fees for non residents proportionately (three times resident's burial fees) as detailed below:

Interment Fees.	Non Resident
New grave for two persons:	£480
Re-opening for second burial:	£360
Plot for cremated remains:	£360
Re-opening for second cremated remains:	£300
New grave for one child up to two years or for one	
stillborn child:	£240

Councillor Rev. B. L. Whittaker asked for his objections to not increasing burial fees to be recorded in the minutes.

# 4. CEMETERY INCOME.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

➤ To transfer the cemetery income for year 2010/2011 to the cemetery contingency fund.

# 5. CEMETERY PRECEPT FOR YEAR 2011/2012.

The committee agreed to **RECOMMEND** the following precept for financial year 2011/2012.

Ground maintenance	3500.00
Grave levelling	500.00
Rates	200.00
Future development	2500.00
Drain cleaning	150.00
Contingency	1150.00
Total	8000.00

#### 6. CEMETERY ISSUES.

No cemetery issues were raised.

Clerk to the Council

Chairman